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SUBJECT: UN/DRC SANCTIONS: SLOWLY MOVING ON FDLR NAMES

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Classified By: MINISTER-COUNSELOR JEFF DELAURENTIS, FOR REASONS 1.4 (B)
AND (D).

¶1. (C) As instructed reftel, USUN shared with the UK, France and Belgium UN missions on September 2 information from Washington on individuals affiliated with the FDLR rebel group operating in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The UK, France and Belgium reiterated their desire to impose targeted sanctions on these individuals as soon as possible, noting that nearly six months had passed since UNSCR 1804 mentioned the possibility of sanctioning FDLR members under the DRC UN sanctions regime.

¶2. (C) On September 5, USUN spoke with Alfred Ndabarasa at the Rwanda UN mission to convey reftel points about Rwanda's May 2008 submission to the DRC Sanctions Committee of a list of nineteen FDLR names. (NOTE: Because Rwanda's list lacked adequate identifiers and evidentiary information, France, the UK, Belgium and the United States placed holds on all names. END NOTE.) Ndabarasa said he appreciated that the United States has developed a list of FDLR targets with enough information to justify moving forward, but was concerned that so much time had passed since Rwanda first proposed the names. He complained about the fact that the United States would not support all of the names that Rwanda originally proposed, insisting that Rwanda's original list was "exactly the right number and included all major (FDLR) players." Ndabarasa described this situation as evidence of a "tendency to appease the DRC government." USUN explained that both the delay and our inability to support all of Rwanda's proposed names were due to domestic bureaucratic procedures and requirements under U.S. law. Ndabarasa, sounding unconvinced, asked that future U.S. public and private statements clarify this.
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